

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 remain in this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☒ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A spindle (1) in which the moving part (2) fixed to the tool-holding collet (3) is supported by one or more aerostatic bushes (4) on cushions of air generated by a jet of compressed air that circulates continuously along the air gaps (5) between the aerostatic bushes (4) and the the moving part (2) and passes out of the spindle (1) through the co-axial aperture (6) formed in a flange (7) through which the tool-holding collet (3) projects from the spindle (1). Directing elements (8) are attached to the outside of the the flange (7) to collect the air passing out of the abovementioned aperture (6) and cause it to adopt an outward direction of motion (E) that is tangential to or incident on the terminal part (3t) of the tool-holding collet (3) and roughly parallel to the axis of the the spindle (1).